



MD-CW1806



July 31, 2006

# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

### Early Rains Difficult on Vegetable Harvest

Temperatures have dried soil conditions as most of Maryland is still below average rainfall as of the week ending July 30th. However, corn and soybeans were reported in mostly good to excellent condition. Corn condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 48 percent good and 36 percent excellent. **Other Hay** second cutting continues as it is 77 percent complete; just slightly behind the 80 percent 2005 recording. Some **vegetable** growers were still concerned about harvesting in areas affected by heavy rains earlier in the summer. There were 6.5 days suitable for field work.

**Fruits** were rated in mostly good condition. For the week ending July 30th, apples were rated 1 percent fair and 99 percent good while 15 percent of apples have now been harvested. Currently, 46 percent of peaches have been harvested; ahead of the 28 percent five-year average.

**Pasture condition** was rated 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 16 percent excellent while **hay** supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 14 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 2006

Item		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<b>Field Crops</b>		<i>Percent</i>			
<b>Corn:</b>	<b>Silked</b>	81	74	97	81
	<b>Dough</b>	24	12	23	31
<b>Soybeans:</b>	<b>Emerged</b>	98	93	100	96
	<b>Blooming</b>	29	17	50	41
	<b>Setting Pods</b>	11	5	12	16
<b>Hay</b>					
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Cutting</b>	93	92	94	94
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	38	27	60	45
<b>Other Hay</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Cutting</b>	77	71	80	77
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	5	2	16	21
<b>Vegetables Harvested</b>					
<b>Cantaloups</b>		33	21	33	35
<b>Cucumbers</b>		45	40	75	53
<b>Lima Beans</b>		67	65	56	34
<b>Potatoes</b>		59	55	48	41
<b>Snap Beans</b>		61	60	78	58
<b>Sweet Corn</b>		37	30	45	48
<b>Tomatoes</b>		31	23	21	27
<b>Watermelons</b>		13	8	24	20
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>					
<b>Apples</b>		15	5	11	6
<b>Peaches</b>		46	28	29	28

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
<b>Very Short</b>	5	1	10	2	1	13
<b>Short</b>	19	9	25	22	10	18
<b>Adequate</b>	66	76	55	67	78	62
<b>Surplus</b>	10	14	10	9	12	7

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 2006

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.05	20.38	-3.22	95	61	80	4
Frederick	0.16	23.62	0.42	93	63	79	6
Frostburg	0.72	21.30	-7.30	83	54	71	3
Hagerstown	1.15	20.91	-1.72	90	61	77	3
Mechanicsville	0.08	22.48	-4.01	91	62	78	2
Patuxent River	0.06	16.59	-7.44	96	63	80	5
Ocean City	0.02	16.87	-8.94	93	62	78	3
Salisbury	0.18	23.25	-2.65	93	57	77	-1
Sharpsburg	0.74	22.98	-0.22	93	60	76	4
Stevensville	0.14	23.38	-1.07	92	69	81	5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	28.65	6.63	94	67	82	2
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.80	24.07	-1.14	97	66	80	3
Georgetown	0.05	25.16	0.30	92	63	79	3
Wilmington	0.94	28.14	3.89	91	63	78	2

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.  
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.